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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Applicant(s): Yeong-chang Yoo et al

Serial No: 09/857,701

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Examiner: Bell, Bruce F.

Art Unit: 1746

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Sir:

This is in Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated 12 December 2003.

Non-compliance is based upon the fact that a single claim, namely, claim 8, failed to include a marginal indication as to its status. The indication in the form letter under item 4. C. and E., is that the status of this claim "cannot be identified".

It is submitted that it would have taken only a few minutes to confirm that claim 8 is an original claim.

It is further submitted that such rigorous adherence to the new rules, is not in the best interests of the USPTO or its clients.

Perhaps when such a simple matter is involved, some authority could be given to the admin staff to telephone the client, to authorize a correction, analogous to an Examiner's amendment.

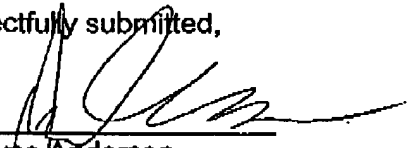
To further complicate matters, this letter was not received in this office until 23 January 2004. See attached copy of the first page of the action including our date of receipt stamp.

Accordingly, the USPTO is requested to consider withdrawing the action, or at least waiving the one month time extension fee.

A Petition for a one month time extension is submitted herewith. Our authority to deduct the fee should it be deemed necessary, from our Deposit Account no. 14-0429, is also provided.

It is assumed that this matter would be completely satisfied by provision of an amended "Amendments to the Claims" section, enclosed herewith, to be read in conjunction with the Response filed 28 November 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

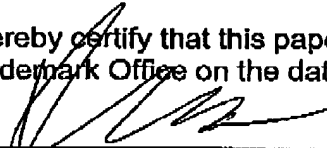


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